

# caregiver bill of rights

**Family caregivers must speak for patients who lose the ability to comprehend healthcare issues. These family caregivers have certain rights including:**

1. The right to receive complete, unbiased information about every procedure proposed for their patient.
2. A complete description of short-term and long-term complications for every intervention.
3. The right to seek a second opinion about diagnosis and treatment.
4. The right to insist that healthcare professionals obey the patients' written advanced directives.
5. The right to assume the role as the expert on the patient's unwritten wishes about end-of-life issues.
6. The right to respectfully disagree with the medical team.
7. The authority to have the wishes of the patient honored.

*For more information or inquiries, call the Dementia Education & Training Program at 1-800-457-5679.*

